

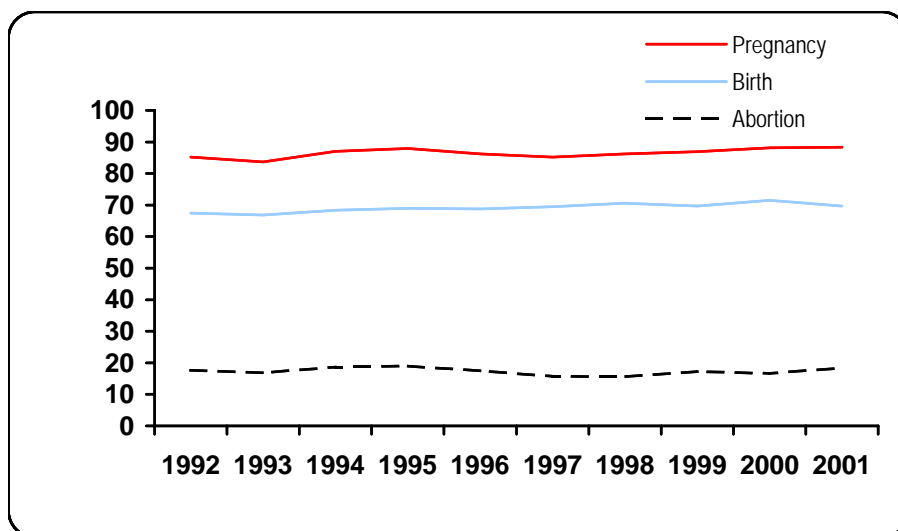


Pregnancy, Birth, and Abortion Rates Aged 15-44 Clark County, 1992 through 2001

Status:

-The pregnancy, birth, and abortion rates* in Clark County remain constant. (1,2) At 70 births per 1,000 in 2001, Clark County's birth rate is higher than Washington State's rate of 61 births per 1,000. (1,2) There has been a 33% increase in the number of births in Clark County from 4,016 in 1992, to 5,322 in 2001, pointing to the continued need for more prenatal and pediatric services.

-Not all pregnancies result in live birth. Abortion rates in Clark County have declined significantly from a high of 28 per 1,000 in 1980, to 18 in 2001. (1,2) Among all pregnant women in Clark County, one out of five pregnancies ended in abortion in 2001; this is less than in Washington State where one out of four pregnancies ended in abortion in 2001. (1,2)



*Rate per 1,000 females aged 15-44

Number of Events

Total Clark County Females aged 15-44

| Year | Pregnancies | Births | Abortions | Pregnancies | Births | Abortions | Total Clark County Females aged 15-44 |
|------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------|---|
| 1992 | 85.1 | 67.5 | 17.7 | 5,069 | 4,016 | 1,053 | 59,532 |
| 1993 | 83.6 | 66.8 | 16.8 | 5,155 | 4,120 | 1,035 | 61,636 |
| 1994 | 87.0 | 68.3 | 18.7 | 5,515 | 4,330 | 1,185 | 65,389 |
| 1995 | 87.9 | 69.0 | 18.9 | 5,787 | 4,542 | 1,245 | 65,816 |
| 1996 | 86.2 | 68.7 | 17.5 | 5,911 | 4,713 | 1,198 | 68,585 |
| 1997 | 85.2 | 69.4 | 15.7 | 6,054 | 4,935 | 1,119 | 71,062 |
| 1998 | 86.2 | 70.6 | 15.6 | 6,269 | 5,134 | 1,135 | 72,736 |
| 1999 | 86.9 | 69.7 | 17.2 | 6,447 | 5,169 | 1,278 | 74,190 |
| 2000 | 88.2 | 71.5 | 16.6 | 6,652 | 5,396 | 1,256 | 75,437 |
| 2001 | 88.3 | 69.7 | 18.4 | 6,748 | 5,322 | 1,403 | 76,379 |

*A pregnancy rate is calculated by dividing the number of pregnancies among women aged 15-44 by the total number of women aged 15-44 in a given year and multiplying by 1,000 (constant). Similarly, birth and abortion rates are calculated using numbers of births and abortions. Fetal deaths are omitted from our calculations because these events are rare and numerous studies indicate that fetal deaths from spontaneous abortions are unevenly reported.

See back side for sources.



Sources: (1) Vital Registration System, Annual Statistics Files, Births 1980-2001. [Data file]. Olympia, WA: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics. (2) Public Health: Seattle & King County, Epidemiology, Planning, & Evaluation. (1991-2003). VistaPHw 2.3.2, 2002 [Computer software for public health assessment]. Seattle, WA.